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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

August 2012

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### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, SELS

*"The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn."* -- Alvin Toffler

Nebraska Regional Library Systems were pleased to collaborate with UNL Libraries for the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Reunion on July 13<sup>th</sup> at UNL Love Library. Joan Giesecke, Dean of UNL Libraries, and Nancy Busch, Associate Dean of UNL Libraries, were our presenters and talked about leadership agility, library scenarios for the future, and creating learning organizations. There was great energy having participants and mentors from past Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes all in one room and found me wishing I could bottle it and uncup it at advantageous moments.

One of the analogies that Joan shared seemed to put things in good perspective regarding librarians in passive vs. active roles. Consider an ATM – it requires a user directed response and plays a passive role. Contrast that with a kitchen where creativity is key as a part of a very social interactive environment. There's also the idea that an ATM is customer controlled, as opposed to a kitchen being customer driven. It provides a great picture to guide our efforts as we look to solve today's problems: problems that require speed, analysis and elimination of uncertainty, as well as dilemmas that require patience, sense-making and an engagement with uncertainty. It could be my age and/or background but somehow tackling the current challenges in the library world with a nod to the skills, tools and interactions I appreciate in the kitchen provides perspective in a manner that seems achievable.

All of that ties in nicely with what are identified as **characteristics of a Learning Organization**:

- Skilled at creating, acquiring and transferring knowledge that improves the organization
- Learning is related to the organization
- Behavior is modified based on learning
- Changes occur in how the work is done based on learning

Joan & Nancy also shared the **Five Components to a Learning Organization**:

- Personal Mastery – individual learning. Focus learning on ways that improve work processes, i.e. 15 minutes a day to read something new, learn something new.
- Mental Models – These are our assumptions that need to be challenged.
- Shared Vision – Agreement on where the group is going and a vision that inspires action.
- Team Learning – Helps prevent a bunch of individuals just doing their own thing, making it important to review teams and goals so they don't become concrete.
- Systems Thinking – Recognize you're a part of the bigger whole: "We're all a part of something and if I tweak this it will have an effect somewhere else."



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*The 18th Annual*

# ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

## Thursday

- 8:30-9:30** Check in and register
- 9:30-10:30** Project Management—Mary Reiman, Lincoln Public Schools District Office & Laura Pietsch, Omaha Public Schools
- 10:45-12:00** YA Literature—Bridget Kratt, University of Nebraska, Omaha
- 1:00-2:15** Great Books – Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission
- 2:30-4:00** Pop-up Books—Marvel Maring, University of Nebraska, Omaha
- 4:00** AWE Demonstration—Melissa Congdon
- Evening** Balloon Animals—Brad Hruska, Columbus Public Library & Zumba

## Friday

- 9:00-10:30** Every Child Ready to Read—Sarah English, Omaha Public Library
- 10:45-12:00** A Short History of Youth Series Fiction—Lindsey Tomsu, La Vista Public Library
- 1:00-2:00** Pinterest—Amy Mather, Omaha Public Library

- Share ideas and programs
- Use dies and die cut machines
- Bring a ghost story or song for the campfire
- Folkmanis Puppets
- Wonderful food and a relaxing atmosphere
- 10 Hours of CE

*Registrations **MUST** be received by September 7th!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

(or we can match you up)

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_ Thursday only, includes lunch \$50

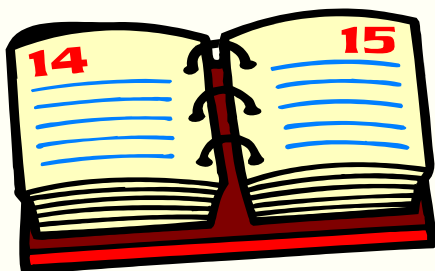
\_\_\_\_ Friday only, includes lunch \$45

\_\_\_\_ Both days with overnight, double occupancy \$125 (includes all meals)

\_\_\_\_ Both days with overnight, single occupancy \$155 (includes all meals)

Late payments accepted but **you must have your registration in by September 7th** to reserve your spot. Send registrations with checks payable to ELS:

Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 18, Omaha, NE 68144 or by fax to (402) 330-1859



# CALENDAR

**August 2012**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Teen Webinar at Kilgore Memorial Library in York. Contact Judy Andrews or SELS for more information.

**August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don't Just Survive, Thrive at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island in conjunction with the BTOP Grant – Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities. Details coming soon,. For information contact Christa Burns, 402-471-3107 or 800-307-2665 or [christa.burns@nebraska.gov](mailto:christa.burns@nebraska.gov). A second location for the Technology Planning Summer Camp will be at the Divots Conference Center in Norfolk on **September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting in Aurora at Alice M. Farr Public Library. Topic of discussion will be Board Meeting Minutes for insight and tips in tracking library board actions, and for insight on how much detail is necessary to record. For the book talk portion of the day choose a book that includes a reference to a fair or festival – which seems appropriate for August. It can be a picture book, a cookbook, a novel – your choice. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas, and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending – [selsne@gmail.com](mailto:selsne@gmail.com) or (402)467-2188/(800)288-6063.

**August 28<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting and review of SELS plan at Seward Memorial Library – 10:00 a.m.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** - NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – International Literacy Day – Focuses on the importance of literacy in the lives of adults and children. For community and classroom activities go to the IRA website: <http://reading.org/General/Conferences/InternationalLiteracyDay.aspx>.

**September 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>** – Basic Skills – Customer Service. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting August 6<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp. See page 2.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Librarians) Meeting in Kearney

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL meeting at the Virgil Biegert Public Library in Shickley with the meeting starting at 10 a.m., and aiming to wrap up by 3 or 3:30. We'll have several folks highlight an article from a professional journal for discussion by the group and provide information on the magazines available for routing through the SELS office. For the book talk portion of the day read *Getting Green Done* by Auden Schendler, who will be doing a talk and book signing in Lincoln at the Sustainability Summit on October 10<sup>th</sup>, or another environmental/nature story of your choice – such as – *The Wild Marsh: Four Seasons at Home In Montana* by Rick Bass – which received starred reviews from both Publishers Weekly and School Library Journal, or maybe *The Nature Principle: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age* by Richard Louv.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia University in Seward: [www.cune.edu/about/conferences-and-camps/plumcreek/](http://www.cune.edu/about/conferences-and-camps/plumcreek/).

**September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Readers Advisory. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting August 20<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Banned Books Week ([www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek))

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Sustainability Summit – Getting Green Done in Lincoln. Featuring author, Auden Schendler, author of

*Getting Green Done: Hard Truths from the Front Lines of the Sustainability Revolution.* For more information go to: [www.wastecapne.org](http://www.wastecapne.org).

**October 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>** – Teen Read Week – It Came From the Library – <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>

**October 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>** – NLA/NEMA/MPLA at Embassy Suites Conference Center in LaVista. For more information go to: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/>.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Basic Skills – Collection Management. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting September 17<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

**November 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Communication. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Beatrice Public Library. We'll view the WebJunction webinar with Max Klein – *Librarians are Wikipedians, Too* for an overview of past efforts and future potential of public libraries and librarians working with Wikipedia. Additionally, maybe you got a chance to celebrate Teen Read Week in October and discovered a great book or author. So for this month's book talk segment, read a teen title. If you need suggestions choose from the YALSA Teens' Top Ten – perhaps the titles nominated for 2012 or previous winners, which you can find at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Reading Workshop at Eiseley Branch Library in Lincoln from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More details coming soon – but mark your calendars NOW!

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – SELS Friends Bookfair

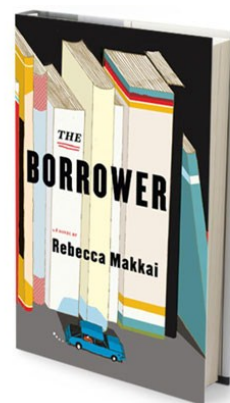
## One Book, Many Librarians

October 18, 2012 @ NLA/NEMA/MPLA Conference

Embassy Suites, La Vista

4:00-4:50

Get started early and read the *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai for this year's One Book, Many Librarians. Copies will be on sale and Rebecca Makkai herself will be in attendance to sign books.



*(Sowings, cont. from p. 1)*

A commitment to change and rewarding and reinforcing learning, which involves active listening, are organizational strategies that contribute to a learning organization.

The characteristics of a Passive-Aggressive Organization were also outlined and helpful in identifying unhealthy organizations that have gotten off-track and onto a destructive course. Characteristics include a lack of accountability (there are no consequences for not following organizational directives); employees second-guessing each other; a lack of incentives to

meet organizational goals; those doing a good job are taken for granted or a situation where everybody gets a trophy, regardless of the level of accomplishment.

SELS has posted Joan's and Nancy's slides from the reunion on the website ([www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org)). There you'll find more details and a glimpse at the other areas of the day's discussion which included partnership and advocacy exercises for all types of libraries using ALA's – Every Voice Makes a Difference!





The July CASTL meeting was hosted by Aimee Morlan at the Weeping Water Public Library. It was wonderful to get the chance to see their new library which they moved into in December. The library is beautiful with great spaces for youth and adults, and includes a computer lab. The library is attached to the community center which provides a space

for meetings and events. Grand Opening of the library took place during Limestone Days with an open house and celebration on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

On the CASTL agenda this month was a conversation on **Service Animals** in the library and listed below are snippets from the discussion:

- Only dogs are recognized as service animals under



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- August 24<sup>th</sup> – Aurora
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – Shickley
- November 8<sup>th</sup>—Beatrice
- December 6<sup>th</sup>—Syracuse
- January—To Be Announced
- February—To Be Announced
- March 15<sup>th</sup>—Fairbury
- April 12<sup>th</sup>—Falls City
- May 31<sup>st</sup> (June meeting) – Seward (Golden Sower)

Titles II and III of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), as of March 15, 2011 – except for miniature horses that meet requirements.

- A service animal is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. Service animals are working animals, not pets and the task they've been trained to provide must directly relate to the person's disability. If you have a "no pets" policy you must make an exception for service animals.
- Miniature horse requirements include: range in weight from 70-100 pounds; and height from 24-34 inches. Horses can live 30 years and are stronger than many dogs.
- Under the ADA, State and local governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that serve the public generally must allow service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is normally allowed to go.
- When it is NOT OBVIOUS what service an animal provides, only limited inquiries are allowed. Staff may ask two questions: 1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and 2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform. Staff **cannot** ask about the person's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.
- There are 3 reasons a person with a disability can be asked to remove his/her service animal from the premises: 1) The animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action. 2) The animal is not housebroken. 3) The handler refuses to answer inquiry.

If you are in need of additional information regarding service animals and the ADA you can check online at: [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov) or with the Great Plains ADA Center (1-800-949-4232) or [www.adaproject.org/](http://www.adaproject.org/). It would be a good time for librarians and boards to review policies and procedures to make certain they meet ADA service animal requirements.

# CASTL Wrap Up

# TECHNOLOGY PLANNING SUMMER CAMP



**The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to announce  
Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don't Just Survive, Thrive!**

This 2-day workshop will be held three times across the state:

- August 21-22 – Grand Island, Midtown Holiday Inn
- September 5-6 – Norfolk, Divots Conference Center
- September 11-12 – Ogallala, Quality Inn and Conference Center

We have an exciting program planned – check out the full details, and register, at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/tpsc/>

This event will focus on the use of your library's technology and how to prepare a technology plan for your library that will serve your future needs. You'll find answers to the following important questions: How will you sustain and maintain the equipment you have? What sorts of training should be planned for both your patrons and your staff? How can you network with other libraries to share knowledge?

Technology Planning Summer Camp 2 is open to all public libraries in Nebraska. Up to 3 people from each library can attend – library administration, staff, IT support, and board members are invited. Participants who attend all sessions will receive 9.5 CE Credits.

Funding for this event is being provided by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in conjunction with the BTOP grant, Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities (LBBNC). The Gates Foundation funds will be covering all travel costs (hotel and mileage) for libraries in the LBBNC grant.

Register today for this exciting learning opportunity!

## Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don't Just Survive, Thrive!

### Day 1

Registration – Continental Breakfast	10:00 - 10:30 am
Welcome to Summer Camp 2!	10:30 - 10:35 am
LBBNC Progress Report – JoAnn McManus	10:35 - 11:00 am
Be Prepared: Sustaining Your Library – Richard Miller	11:00 am - 12:00 noon
Lunch	12:00 - 1:30 pm
Training in Your Library – Mary Jo Ryan	1:30 - 3:00 pm
Break	3:00 - 3:15 pm
Edge Benchmarks – Christa Burns & Richard Miller	3:15 - 3:45 pm
Your Blue Binder and Beyond – Angela Gunther Gonzalez & Holly Woldt	3:45 - 4:45 pm
Dinner	5:15 pm - ?

### Day 2

Continental Breakfast	8:00 - 9:00 am
Welcome to Day 2	9:00 - 9:05 am
LBBNC Blog How-to – Michael Sauers/Christa Burns & Mary Jo Ryan	9:05 - 9:30 am
TechAtlas Training – Christa Burns	9:30 - 10:30 am
Break	10:30 - 10:45 am
Draft a Mock Technology Plan – Christa Burns & John Felton	10:45 am - 12:00 noon
Lunch	12:00 - 1:30 pm
Mock Technology Plan Summary and Wrap-up of TPSC 2	1:30 - 2:00 pm
Call of the Wild: Taming Your ADA Workstation	2:00 - 3:30 pm

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# {News Around the System}

## Kilgore Kicks Summer Boredom!

By Judy Andrews, Youth Services Librarian

This summer in York was a busy one at the Kilgore Memorial Library. Over 300 children were registered for Reading Club, 67 were registered for the very first Young Adult Reading Club at the Library. Twelve programs at the library brought in an average of 100 children every week for six weeks. Tuesdays were special guest days and we welcomed live owls from the Raptor Recovery Center; a salamander, toad and snake visited from Project Wild of Nebraska; and we all enjoyed an explosive science program from the Edgerton Explorit Center! Children got to do some acting with Dr. Baker from York College, and enjoyed watching Tangled with free popcorn and lemonade. Jeff Quinn brought his wonderful magic show to entertain a very large crowd for our Finale on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>.

On Thursdays we heard stories and made crafts. The children made everything from small wishing wells to dream jars. Our special

science project was dissecting owl pellets during our "Soar with Books" week featuring everything about these wonderful birds.

To complete a great summer of reading fun, everyone enjoyed a Beach Party at the Family Aquatic Center with games, prizes and special party freebees!



Hair-raising experiments with the Edgerton Explorit Center!

## Palmyra Memorial Library Invaded by "Creatures of the Night"

From Glenda Willnerd,  
Palmyra Memorial Library

Children enjoyed a program called "Creatures of the Night" at the Palmyra Memorial Library Summer Reading Program on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Monica Keep, from Project Wild, kept the audience engaged as

they learned about snakes, salamanders and toads.





# {News Around the System}

## Auburn Memorial Library's New Edition Ahead of Schedule

Photos from Heather Koenek, Auburn Memorial Library



Getting ready for carpet and paint!

## "Fear Factor" at Plattsburgh Public Library

From Karen Mier, Plattsburgh Public Library



"Maggots" and "flies" in strawberry jelly.

The library's second annual "Fear Factor" had 12 kids who successfully conquered their fears of jello, finding marbles in an ice cold pool, and smashing eggs in their bare hands. It was fun and exciting to watch particularly the marble catching. One poor partner ended up with a lapful of cold marbles!

The program ended with lego building (one partner directed their blindfolded teammate) to duplicate a

completed figure.

The winners, Lexi and Kayla Blinston, were awarded \$5 gift cards to Burger King for their victory.



Searching for marbles while blindfolded and sitting in ice water.



# News Around the System

## Giesecke Steps Down as UNL Libraries Dean

By Kelly Bartling , Reprinted with cuts from UNL Announce,

<http://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/todayatunl/1420/8145>



After 16 years leading UNL Libraries, Joan Giesecke announced July 17 she is stepping down as dean to accept a new administrative assignment.

"I have decided to step out of my role as your dean," Giesecke said in her announcement

message to library colleagues. "I am intensely proud of the things we have accomplished together and I'm excited about the next phase of advancement for the UNL Libraries, but as you are aware, I continue to face health challenges that are increasing my fatigue levels. I have appreciated your support over the last few years as I balanced my responsibilities here in the libraries, special assignments on campus, and my national leadership roles in ARL (the Association of Research Libraries) with a set of medical treatments."

Reflecting on 25 years in UNL Libraries, Giesecke said there are three things of which she is most proud: overseeing renovations to improve the libraries in size and service, enhancing the diversity of libraries faculty, and the strong relationships developed to help the colleges advance their

teaching and research.

Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ellen Weissinger said "Joan has very strategically created a library that is at once technically sophisticated and user-centered. She consistently peeked over the horizon to make sure that our faculty and students had the materials, technologies and services that we were about to need. As she accomplished this, she has been exceptionally focused on innovative service to the scholarly community on campus. The library enjoys the strong support of the campus and that means that Joan has positioned the libraries so well for the future."

Weissinger and Chancellor Harvey Perlman have asked Giesecke to coordinate the university's preparation for the Higher Learning Commission accreditation (due in 2016).

"While I will miss my library colleagues, I will have the opportunity to explore new areas and contribute to the campus mission in a new position," Giesecke said. "As some of you know, accreditation is a major research interest of mine and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to explore this area in depth."

"This is another door opening."

Weissinger said libraries associate dean Nancy Busch will be stepping in as interim dean on Aug. 12.

## Plattsmouth Library Receives Grant for Digitization

From Karen Mier, Plattsmouth Public Library

The Plattsmouth Public Library applied for a grant from the Nebraska State Records Board in the amount of \$25,000 for the digitization of its Plattsmouth newspapers on microfilm. On July 25, the library learned that it would receive \$23,742 from the grant!

The library sought quotes from several digitization vendors, requesting the use of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) standards set by the Library of Congress for its Chronicling America collection of digitized newspapers. The library also conferred with Katherine Walter, Director of the Nebraska Digital Newspaper Project, a collection of historically significant Nebraska newspapers that were digitized from microfilm in partnership with Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Working with

these agencies allows the Plattsmouth newspapers through 1922 to be included in the Nebraska Newspaper project and be considered for inclusion in Chronicling America.

The project is expected to take several years since the cost exceeds \$90,000 to purchase negative masters and digitize 138 reels of microfilm using the NDNP standards. The Plattsmouth Public Library Foundation has pledged \$2,000 towards the project, and the library has \$1,200 in donations that have been designated for this project. Additional grants have been written and Foundation fundraising has begun.

The library is looking forward to being able to search the newspapers by keyword and providing this same service to the public on the Internet.

Contact: Karen Mier, Director, Plattsmouth Public Library, 402-296-4154 x23





# {News Around the System}

## Summer Reading Comes to a Close in Auburn

From Heather Koeneke, Auburn Memorial Library



The Parasol Puppets and their audience (left)



Auburn Memorial just finished their Summer Reading program. This summer the kids enjoyed a puppeteer, a magician, a speaker from the Nebraska Game and Parks

Commission, and science experiments. This year there were 89 readers that read 3,446 books in just six weeks. Heather said, "It was a great success!"

## Seward's Skyline is Brilliant

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library



The Seward skyline stretching across the Children's Reading Room in Seward Memorial Library is blanketed with stars of many sizes and colors. Children carefully placed their first star in the heavens and soon they were joined by a galaxy of stars as the

pages turned. Each star represents points earned while reading. The largest stars suspended within the room are those belonging to the highest achievers who accumulated 500 points this summer. The summer goal for

the Children's Reading Club was 30,000 points (one point is earned for each picture book read or 25 pages in a chapter book). When the final tally was made the grand summer total was 30,036 points. Hours of reading created a brilliant sky over Seward. The children in Seward really did "Dream Big - READ!"





# News Around the System

## Saying "Thanks" For Twenty Successful Years

From Nina Bartu, Exeter Public Library



Nina reading kindergarteners and first graders an ocean story in 2010. Photo from the Village of Exeter Blog. <http://www.villageofexeter.com/2010/06/exeter-public-library-making-splash.html>

On September 1, 2012 I will be stepping down as director of the library and Jessica Votipka will assume my position. I will still work in the library as assistant for a few more years.

I have worked at the library for over 20 years and have been director for 15 or 16 years. I will miss the kids, people and all the other librarians I have

come to know through the library. There were some older people in the community that I came to know through working in the library that I really enjoyed and am so glad that I got to know them. Some of them are gone now and I still think of them often. I think I learn something new everyday from people. I will not miss the paperwork and statistical reports. I am looking forward to spending more time with my husband, grandson and daughter and just putzing around my house. One thing that I remember is I was reading a story to kids at a Summer Reading Program. It must have been a good story because they were really getting into it. I didn't notice until I

was done with the story that the kids had kept inching forward during the story until they were about sitting on my feet. I have also had kids tell me several years after a Summer Reading Program "Remember when we did this or that at Summer Reading?". That would really please me to think that they remembered. I hope I have given the kids and my patrons good service and positive experiences at the library during my time. I also hope that I have made some improvements to the library.

## Seward Summer Reading Program Finale Features the String Beans

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

A popular singing group, The String Beans, headlined Seward's Summer Reading Club finale at the Bandshell on Thursday, July 26. Many children in the audience were wearing their "Dream Big - READ!" shirts which were earned by reading during the summer. All of the children who participated in the summer program were recognized and those who reached the goal of 500 points or more were applauded. These 23 ambitious readers received a special

Champion Reader yard sign, medallion, and certificate as well as all of the benefits of many hours of reading enjoyment. The Friends of Seward Library served ice cream so the evening celebration was perfect, until a cloud appeared on the horizon. In addition to providing some much needed shade, the cloud surprised everyone by creating a brief downpour. Children danced in the rain to the String Beans closing song, "Taking a Bath." The soaked staff will remember the 2012 program for more than meeting the Summer Reading Club goal of earning 30,000 points.





# Library & Information Services

## Online Course Offerings

### Fall, 2012

August 20, 2012 – December 13, 2012

#### ***LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services***

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

This course, the first in the Library and Information Services curriculum provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Technology
  - Physical environments
  - Library policies
  - Information databases
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#### ***LIBR 2250 Leadership & Management in Library & Information Agencies***

*Michael Straatmann, Instructor*

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21<sup>st</sup> Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies & procedures

*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services or may be taken concurrently*

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#### ***LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification***

*Ruth Carlock, Instructor*

This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It includes the following topics:

- The bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- The MARC record
- Anglo-American Cataloging Rules

*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services*

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#### ***LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum***

*Erica Rose, Instructor*

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

*Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250*

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For information on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarships, see: Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee Johnson  
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# RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska  
children's book authors

Julia Cook

Ted Kooser

Preston McDaniels  
& James Solheim

## AGENDA

**9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

One Book, One School

**11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

*The Teacher Who Became An Author*  
Jim Aylesworth

**12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

Lunch on your own

**1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel  
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,  
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Gifts of the Universe:  
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*  
Lisa Campbell Ernst

**4:00 p.m.**

Book Signing

## REGISTRATION

\$40 if received by July 1

\$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20

\$50 after Sept. 20  
(15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at  
[nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012](http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012)

For more program details or to reserve books  
by the authors please visit  
[www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org)

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Email [info@readaloudnebraska.org](mailto:info@readaloudnebraska.org)  
if you have any questions



# News & Notes



## Rod Wagner Elected 2012-2013 ALTAFF VP/President Elect

Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC), has been elected 2012-2013 Vice President/President Elect of ALTAFF.

Wagner has served as secretary/treasurer for ALTAFF and was also on the board of Friends of Libraries U.S.A. He has also served on the ALA Council and on the board of the Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies.

He served as president of the Nebraska Library Association, on the board of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, as president of the Western Council of State Libraries, and as president of the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska. He has worked for the NLC since 1972. He earned a MA in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"My commitment to ALTAFF will continue to be promoting ALTAFF's assets and directing them toward ALTAFF's essential mission—supporting citizens who govern, promote, advocate, and fundraise for all types of libraries," Wagner said.

"ALTAFF has a great track record in presenting excellent educational programs, providing a rich array of helpful information resources and advocating on behalf of America's Libraries," he added, "Building on ALTAFF's strengths will result in better informed, capable, and active library supporters, all devoted to a greater purpose of supplying the kind and quality of library services beneficial to library customers everywhere."

(From ALTAFF, The Voice, Vol. 13 Issue 4, July/August 2012)

## Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Grants

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8. Public

libraries, school libraries, and non-traditional libraries operated by 501(c)(3) agencies are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants for 2012 will range from \$500 to \$3000 and are specifically for book purchases. They cannot be used for administrative or operational uses.

Grants will be awarded on or before December 15, 2012. Organizations receiving grants will be notified by mail. Because of the volume of applicants, no written notification will be sent to those organizations that were not awarded grants.

For more information visit: <http://www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html>

Questions regarding the Foundation or its library grant program may be addressed to:

Michael Covey  
The Lois Lenski Covey  
Foundation, Inc.  
P. O. Box 255366  
Sacramento, CA 95865

Alternatively, questions may be sent by email to: [michael.covey@loislenskicovey.org](mailto:michael.covey@loislenskicovey.org). A link to a downloadable application is available on the web page.

## World Book Night 2013

World Book Night 2013 is a celebration of literacy by publishers, bookstores, libraries and individuals who love books and reading. On World Book Night 2013, 25,000 "book givers" will each give away 20 copies of a specially-printed, not-for-resale WBN edition of book they have read and loved (from a list of 25-30 titles selected by librarians and booksellers) to complete strangers – people who may never have owned a book of their own. To promote this literacy event, libraries and bookstores – as organizational participants in the event – form a nationwide advocacy and

distribution network.

Library organizational participants are making a commitment to (1) be a site for individual "book giver" volunteers\* to pick up their shipment of books and (2) be an active advocate in their community for World Book Night 2013 and literacy. (\*Individuals in your community interested in being a "book giver" volunteer will be asked to complete the application on the World Book Night website, available in Fall 2012.)

An application, which must be submitted by September 1st, can be found at: <http://connect.ala.org/node/183788>

If you have questions, please contact Mary Ghikas ([mghikas@ala.org](mailto:mghikas@ala.org)) or Danielle Alderson ([dalderson@ala.org](mailto:dalderson@ala.org))

## Gov. Heineman Names Appointments to Nebraska Library Commission

Gov. Dave Heineman recently appointed Mary A. (Molly) Fisher, of Lincoln, to a three-year term on the Nebraska Library Commission.

Molly served as deputy director of the Nebraska Humanities Council until her retirement in 2000. She is a founding member of the Nebraska Center for the Book and is currently an ex-officio board member. She also serves on the board of the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association. She received the Mildred Bennett award, the Schwartz Prize, the Lincoln Arts Council award for literary contributions, and a Nebraska Arts Council Award. Molly and her husband volunteer with state parks across the country, with a special interest in volunteering at lighthouses. She also serves on the Friends of Beta Alpha Board and volunteers with the Lincoln City Libraries.

## **SELS Board of Directors - April 20, 2012 - Plattsmouth Public Library**

**Board Members Present:** Ruth Carlock (York College); Hilary Sire (Barnes & Noble); Scott Childers (Kilgore Memorial Library); Carolyn Bennett (Beatrice Public Library); Carol Oltman (Beatrice High School); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools); Glenda Willnerd (Palmyra Public Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library)

**Board Members Absent:** Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kent Munster (The Clark Enerson Partners); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library)

**Also Present:** Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jen Barnason (SELS Administrative Assistant); Laura Johnson (Nebraska Library Commission)

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Barbara Hegr.

The consent agenda was presented.

The minutes of the February 17, 2012 meeting were amended with the addition of Carolyn Bennett – Board member absent.

The financial report was presented.

A motion was made by Ruth Carlock to pass consent items, seconded by Karen Frank (carried 9-0.)

News from around the system: Some of the highlights from the group were: Scott Childers is now the director at Kilgore Memorial Library in York; Glenda Willnerd has come out of retirement to become the director at Palmyra Public Library; Hilary Sire shared information about the Summer Reading Program that Barnes & Noble has for children; Barbara Hegr – Is there paranormal activity at Morton-James Public Library?; Ruth Carlock shared information about personnel changes taking place at York College; Beatrice Public Library went live on the Pioneer System on April 12; Greenwood Public Library is now automated.

Board Nominations: There was discussion with many names suggested as possible candidates for the SELS Board. Those suggested will be contacted so that a ballot can be presented.

Brenda presented the System Administrators Report. The report included activities completed which met the Service Roles of the SELS Plan: Training & Consulting, Promotion & Advocacy and Management of SELS resources. Highlights of the PLA Conference in March were noted. Administrative Assistant Jen has completed a Quick Books class. The Training Extravaganza is May 17 at Union College. The SELS Annual Meeting will be held on June 14 at Prairie Creek Inn east of Lincoln. The entire Administrators report can be found at the end of these minutes.

President Barbara extended thanks to each committee for a good year of work. The SELS Friends report was included in the April issue of SoLiS. Laura Johnson from the Nebraska Library Commission presented the NLC report.

Following lunch the committee reports were presented.

The CE Committee has planned many activities throughout the year, the remaining items are the Training Extravaganza and the Annual Meeting.

The Marketing Committee presented the Front Porch Award to Fairmont Public Library. A possible outreach project is working on a proposed group purchase of palm projectors. A marketing plan document is being developed to help keep everyone organized.

Everyone is asked to make suggestions for training needs and share ideas for next year's scheduling.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

# The Embedded School Librarian

**Wednesday October 17, 2012 5:30 pm-8:30 pm**

**Roskens Hall Room #412 University of Nebraska-Omaha**

## Like a splinter or like a journalist? Embedded school librarianship

**Special Guest Speaker: Sara Kelley-Mudie**

The idea of being embedded is at the heart of much of what we believe makes school libraries effective; we don't teach skills in isolation, but rather embed them within the larger curriculum of our schools. We can take these beliefs that are at the core of school librarianship, and expand them in order to redefine--or, really, highlight--how integral librarians are to the larger mission of the school. Embedded librarianship is about moving beyond the physical walls of the library--both virtually and physically--in order make connections between the students and teachers in our schools and resources, information, and people inside and outside of the school.



In this talk, I'll outline the theory and standards that are the foundations for my practice as an embedded librarian, the tools I use to create connections and share resources, and how I've embedded myself in a variety of teaching and learning spaces in my school.

### Pre-Conference Agenda

5:30-6:00

Light Hors d'Oeuvres

6:00-7:00

Guest Speaker: Sara Kelley-Mudie

7:00-7:15

Breakout Discussions

7:20-8:30

Breakout Sessions on tools and tips for embedded librarianship

Please register for the NSLA pre-conference on the Tri-Conference page. Cost \$30.

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/>

Please contact Stacy Lickteig at [stacy.lickteig@ops.org](mailto:stacy.lickteig@ops.org) or Courtney Pentland at [mrspentland@gmail.com](mailto:mrspentland@gmail.com) if you need any assistance or have any questions. Thank you!

Sara Kelley-Mudie is the Librarian and Educational Technology Facilitator at The Forman School in Litchfield, CT. A former high school English teacher, she has a BA in English from Connecticut College (2001) and an MLIS from Kent State (2007). Sara serves on the board for the Connecticut Association of School Librarians, and was selected as one of the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders in 2011. Sara writes about libraries, learning, and technology at [kmthelibrarian.blogspot.com](http://kmthelibrarian.blogspot.com).

Her experience working at Forman--an independent college-preparatory school for students with dyslexia, ADHD, and other learning disabilities--has shaped her beliefs about libraries, instructional design, and creating accessible learning spaces for all students. She is passionate about working with students and teachers to become independent learners with the confidence and skill to navigate an ever-changing world of information and knowledge.

### NOT ABLE TO ATTEND?

You can still get access to the content from this great program for the low cost of just \$10! Contact Courtney or Stacy if you are interested! Access will be granted after the program date.



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"I don't have ugly ducklings  
turning into swans in my  
stories. I have ugly ducklings  
turning into confident  
ducks."

—Maeve Binchy  
(1940-2012)

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org).) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.